

REMARKS

Claims 11-23 are pending in the application.

I. **DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION**

Claims 11-23 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,357. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant is providing herewith a timely and appropriate terminal disclaimer.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and allowance of Claims 11-23.

II. **CONCLUSION**

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that the remaining Claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

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If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at rmccutcheon@davismunck.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Davis Munck Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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